

BASEBALL FANS ARE IN QUANDRY OVER THIRD BASE JOB

TRACK CROSS COUNTRY RUN CARDED FOR TO-DAY

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CONROY OR SHIPKE?

Old Ball Player Says Youngster Is Faster.

CLEVELAND KILLS OFF HOODOO

Naps in Signing "Cy" Young May Now Have Chance to Beat National-Interesting Stories of the Grand Old Man of Baseball by Elmer Bates, Cleveland Scriber.

There has been a lot of talk around town regarding the purchase of "Cy" Conroy by the Nationals' management last week. The majority of fans and ball players are of the opinion that he will greatly strengthen the infield, while others believe that Conroy is really no improvement over Shipke.

An old ball player, who has been closely identified with the American League, and who is personally acquainted with all the players, says: "Take it from me that Conroy will not do any better here than Shipke. It is a cliché, he cannot throw as well, and as for hitting, Conroy had a fine average three years ago. That is the only time I remember of his doing much."

Other fans are disappointed because the club could not reach an agreement toward securing Elberfeld, but the wisdom of Cantillon's move will be determined as the season progresses.

The majority of baseball men believe that Conroy will not improve the Washington interests than Elberfeld.

The Washington team of 1908 was unquestionably the Naps' hoodoo. Cy Young was last year, and always has been, Washington's hoodoo. In 1908 he pitched six games against the Washington team, and won them all. Cleveland has found a way to kill the Washington hoodoo.

With Cy Young pitching for Boston, Washington was the easiest kind of a victim. In the six games they were able to make only thirty-five hits and six runs, an average of scarcely six hits to a game and one run. He also averaged nearly six strike-outs in all his clashes with Cantillon's team.

Cy opened the season against Washington on April 14, beating them 3 to 1, allowing only four hits and striking out seven men. He followed this up with victories by the following scores: 7 to 0, 6 to 2, 1 to 7, 2 to 3, and 3 to 1. The 2 to 1 victory was a thirteen-inning battle.

Considering the great effectiveness he has always shown against the Washington team, it is more than likely that Larry will use him often against the Nationals.

Elmer Bates, the veteran Cleveland baseball writer, tells a few interesting tales of the grand old man of baseball, "Cy" Young. He says:

"Old Cy never kicks at the umpire. One day in 1907 he and Eddie Joss fought out a great 1 to 10 ten-inning game in Boston. Cleveland won on a base on balls, helped along by an error and a single.

"Late that evening Tommy Connolly came into the hotel where Young was sitting.

"I'm not sure that I didn't give you the worst of it, Cy, on that fourth ball," said the umpire. "It seemed from where I stood to be pretty high."

"Oh, that was a ball all right, Tommy," said Cy. "It was at least six inches too high."

"Which one of your 453 victories in the major leagues do you recall with the most satisfaction?" was asked of Old Cy when the Little Old Man visited him at Paoli.

"The first game I ever pitched for Cleveland, back in 1901," replied Old Cy unhesitatingly. "I doubt if a baseball crowd ever looked on a more typical rube than I appeared to be that day. I was in a makeshift uniform six or seven sizes too small. I didn't have much money then, but I wouldn't have lost that game to Chicago for the prettiest \$100 bill ever printed."

There's another game Cy remembers fondly. It was played in this city by the Cleveland and Boston teams at the close of the double season championship in 1902, and the score at the end of the eleventh inning, when the game was called, was 0 to 6. Young pitched for Cleveland and big Jack Stivetts for Boston.

"I guess I worked harder that day than I ever did before or than I've worked since," says Old Cy.

Old Cy is probably the most modest "big man" baseball has ever produced. At the Colonial one day last summer, a young man took a chair beside the great pitcher and began paying him fulsome praise.

"You are the swiftest pitcher I ever saw," he said.

"Then," said Old Cy, "I guess you never saw Amos Rusie. He's a lot better than I am. I was slow freight trying to keep up with the Twentieth Century limited compared with Rusie's."

"But your slow ball is a peach."

"Young man," remarked Old Cy gravely, "if I could pitch a slow ball that slow, I'd be the old Cleveland twirler, used to hand up to the batters, I'd let them knock \$100 a year off my salary."

It is a matter of record that Old Cy didn't know he had retired the Athletics without a man reaching first in that wonderful game at Boston, May 5, 1904, until another player on the Boston team told him.

"I knew Connie's boys hadn't made a hit," said Old Cy the next day, "but I couldn't understand why the crowd was making such a demonstration.

"Well, you've done it, Cy," said Jimmy Collins, as we started for the dressing room, after the crowd had let me go.

"Done what, Jimmy?" I asked.

"Pitched a no-hit game?"

"Better than that, not a man reached first."

"Then I knew what all the racket was about."

It is a fact that Norman Elberfeld made an urgent request of Manager Stallings, of the Highlanders, for a chance to redeem himself this year. Elberfeld says he can play as well as ever, and that if Stallings will put him on third base, where he will stand less chance of being spiked, he will make good. Elberfeld has played that lag in splendid style before, and Stallings does not believe in passing him up unless the kid proves that his legs cannot stand the strain.

JOE TURNER

World's Champion Wrestler, Announces that he has opened a Buffet for Ladies and Gentlemen at 602 Penna. Ave., and will be glad to meet his friends.

BASEBALL NOTES AND COMMENT

Chivington has hopes of inducing Chicago to send George Browne to Louisville if he can't get Joe Stanley back.

The Chicago Cubs will leave for Hot Springs, Ark., on March 1. It is planned to bring the team together at Shreveport, La., on March 18.

St. Louis has offered Harry Howell and George Stone to Chicago for "Jiggs" Donahue and Frank Smith. Comiskey said to this: "Nothing doing."

It looks now as if Mike Donlin, if he reports well, will not be with the Giants until the season opens. Donlin and his wife are booked up to the second week in April.

Manager Stallings will probably send Latcher James back to Columbus. James is the former Washington and Jefferson catcher, whom McGraw had in the South last spring. He is a good hitter, but is very slow on the bases.

"Buck" Freeman is taking daily exercise at Wilkesbarre, and believes he will be in shape to play ball again, despite his accident of last season. Freeman has not heard from Minneapolis yet, and is awaiting the call which may never come.

There is one great drawback to Jimmy Burke going to some other "A. A." club. It must be remembered that he was paid a managerial salary in 1908, and that cannot be met as an ordinary player. Burke, the latest dope has it, is now on the suspended list at Louisville.

There is a story on now to the effect that "Cy" Young will soon be passed on to St. Louis. John has old catcher, Lou Criger. The Cleveland owners deny this, and say he will stick. St. Louis wants him badly, and is willing to pay almost anything within the bounds of reason to get him.

Barney Dreyfuss has fallen in his attempt to get Third Baseman Byrne and First Baseman Ketchell. Dreyfuss tried to hand Bresnahan six players, none of them better than ordinary, for the two men, but Bresnahan said: "Nothing doing. I must get \$500 for the season's work and a three-year contract, or I will not return to Chicago. I will remain at Yale coaching the pitchers, and the management already has asked that I stick there until the season closes at the end of June. In the meantime I am getting together a semi-professional team for Meriden, and I find I can play the strongest teams in the State. I will pitch for this aggregation and not return to Chicago at all unless Mr. Comiskey sees my figures."

TIGERS NAME MCCORMICK.

Ex-Full Back Is Field Coach for '09 Football Team.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 21.—Announcement was made here to-night that James B. McCormick, who has been selected field coach of the Princeton football team for next fall. The choice of McCormick for this important position is the logical outcome of the new system of coaching. The selection was made at a meeting of the supervisory committee held at the Osborn House last night.

MANY ATHLETES TO COMPETE

Gallagher, Brown Prep Star, Will Enter Bloomingdale Run.

Entries Pouring In from Local and Baltimore Clubs and Colleges.

Johns Hopkins to Send String.

J. J. Gallagher, the crack runner of the Brown Prep School, of Philadelphia, is the latest entry received by N. T. Worley, manager of the second annual cross-country run of the Bloomingdale Athletic Club. Gallagher is one of the fastest mile runners in this section, and has been raising considerable dust in the local meet this season.

Johns Hopkins University will hold trials to-day to select six men to represent the college in the run here, and from the classy bunch they have to pick from the Baltimore team should give a good account of itself.

C. E. Beckett, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., stated yesterday that the association has its best unit entered, and would make a strong bid for first honors. Athletics are booming at the Y. M. C. A., and owing to the fact that the Bloomingdale run will be held right in the midst of the many indoor meets, most of the athletes will be in the pink of condition for the long jog.

Manager Newhouse, of George Washington, is very ambitious, and speaking of his team's chances to win the trophy said that he was sure they would give the Hopkins outfit a hard run. J. Fleming, who won the Y. M. C. A. run on New Year's day, will be on the team representing George Washington.

Besides the several college teams nearly all of the local high schools will enter the run, and from the performance of many of the scholastic distance runners so far this season it seems certain that they will prove an important factor in the Bloomingdale race.

PLAN NOVEL RACE.

Crack Local Skaters to Enter Australian Pursuit Match.

As a fitting climax to the skating season, the management of the Convention Hall rink has decided to put on as a wind-up attraction an Australian pursuit race, and has secured many of the best men in the South to compete in the event.

The men are placed along the track at the various handicap stations, and after the race has started are forced out of the running as soon as they are passed. This is the first exhibition of this kind ever held in Washington, and from the list of entrants should prove a classy affair. Jack Woodworth, the Southern champion, will attempt to win the event from scratch.

The other entries received are Jack Wilson and Milton Rodgers, of Baltimore, and Lyman Moore and Sam Tompkins, of this city.

Track Meet for Greensboro, Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 21.—At a meeting it was decided to have an intercollegiate track meet in this city on April 19. This meeting was attended by the track team managers from Elon College, Guilford College, Agricultural and Mechanical College, Wake Forest, and the University of North Carolina. All of these institutions will be represented at the meet. It is understood that Davidson will also send a team. The meet will be held indoors, in the Greensboro Auditorium. The Virginia-Carolina baseball game will be played there on the same date.

TAD JONES SAYS "NO"

Will Not Coach Yale's Nine This Spring.

"BILLY" LUSH IS APPOINTED

Old Cleveland Star Will Look After Eli's Ball Tossers—He Is at Present Coaching the Navy Basketball Candidates—Jones Is at Present Head Over Heels in Business.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 21.—A private letter from Tad Jones, who was appointed head baseball coach at Yale this spring, conveys the information that he will not accept the position.

No light can be thrown on his reasons for resigning, but it is believed that he has decided to spend less time in athletics than formerly.

He was married in December, and has gone into business with the firm in Excelsior, Ohio, of which his father is the head.

He will, however, devote nine weeks to coaching the Syracuse University football eleven next fall.

Jones was baseball captain at Yale last year and was backfield coach at Yale last fall.

Capt. Fred Murphy, of the Yale nine, to-night refused to make any statement about the resignation of Jones. William L. Lush, the former Cleveland outfielder and Yale baseball coach, was to-night engaged as coach for the coming season in place of Tad Jones. Capt. Murphy, of the Yale nine, said that Lush's reappointment indicated a change in policy and a return to professional coaching.

Lush has been coaching the Annapolis Naval Academy basketball team this winter.

Ed Walsh, the Chicago American League pitcher, is in charge of the Yale battery candidates.

GIANTS FIRST PRACTICE.

Youngsters Are Hard at It Down in Marlin, Tex.

Marlin, Tex., Feb. 21.—By to-morrow the young Giants' team working out here will be in condition to maintain a hot pace for the first week of hard training.

A brief workout this evening served to extract the pains and kinks from the muscles. At 9:30 McGraw had them out under a hot sun, and after a slow start the youngsters began to forget their physical discomforts. The pitchers were allowed to run back to the hotel after limbering up their arms and running around the bases a few times.

McGraw is so impressed with the climate here and the virtues of the hot mineral water that he probably will not move any of his men until the first games are played in Dallas and Fort Worth on March 14.

PURCHASE NEW COURTS.

Bachelor Tennis Club Selects Excellent Site in Suburbs.

The board of governors of the Bachelors' Lawn Tennis Club has selected a new site for courts, and will put the proposition before the members at a meeting of the club at the University Club to-morrow evening for ratification.

As the owners of the site which has been used up to this time have decided to build, it is thought that the site selected by the board of governors will be bought, it being planned to purchase the property outright and avoid the necessity of moving again. The new site is situated north and west of the Connecticut avenue bridge, between Woodley road and Cathedral avenue, and can be reached by two car lines. An up-to-date clubhouse will be erected and all the latest equipment installed.

TAKE INITIAL SPIN.

National Cycle Club Makes First Run of the Season.

Thirty members of the National Cycle Club took the initial club spin of the season yesterday, going up the Conduit road to Cabin John, where an enjoyable afternoon was spent watching the speed cracks in various races from one to eight miles.

All of the events were interesting, and promise to greatly boost the club runs, which were so popular last season. An eight-mile race between Guilford, Messano, Marado, and Shore offered the best competition. Shore, who holds the Maryland title, finally landing the event by a great spurt at the finish. A motor-paced race, in which Baroff easily defeated Guilford, was another feature of the afternoon's sport. The club has planned to take these outings every Sunday and any of the local cycle enthusiasts are invited.

Y. M. C. A. PLAY CENTRAIS.

Deciding Game of Tri-city Schedule Stated for Baltimore.

Baltimore, Feb. 21.—One of the most important games of the year in the Tri-city Basketball League will be played next Saturday night, when the Central Y. M. C. A. and Washington Y. M. C. A. who are tied for first place in the league, meet at the Central gym.

Both teams have been playing a great game this season. The game promises to be a warm one from the start, as the result will practically decide the championship of the league for this season, and as the local boys have carried off this honor for the past two years, the Washington team is especially eager to down the locals in this one game.

ADDIE JOSS ON YOUNG SALE.

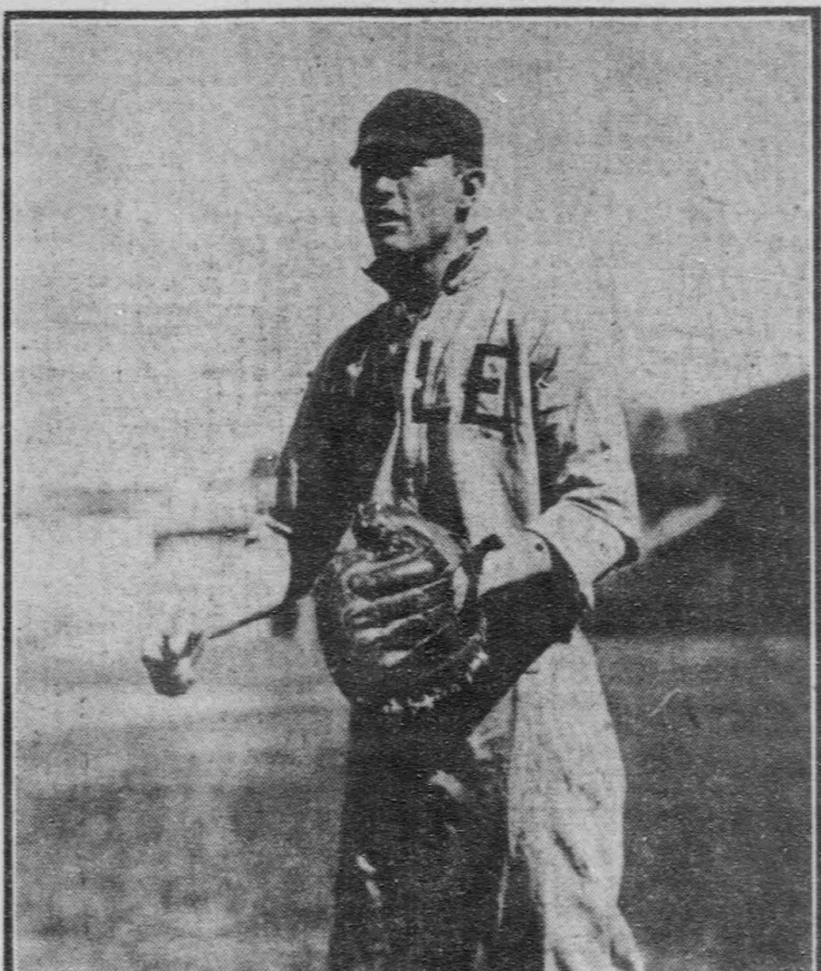
Addie Joss, premier twirler of the Naps, makes the following statement on the sale of Cy Young:

"Not only has Cleveland secured one of the best pitchers in the game to-day, but at the same time has added to the club a man who has done much for the good of baseball, and one who is honored and respected everywhere he has ever played.

"I have always contended, and always will, that Cy is the greatest pitcher the game has ever produced. No doubt there are twirlers to-day who rank just as high, when it comes to the winning of games, but when the fact is taken into consideration that the 'grand old man' has been in the business for twenty years, and has always been a top-notch, the truth of the above assertion becomes apparent.

"Cleveland's chance for the bunting in 1909 is surely not lessened any by the acquisition of Cy."

PREFERS BUSINESS TO BASEBALL.



"TAD" JONES. Yale's great athlete, who has refused to coach the Eli's this season.

PLANS BIG COLLEGIATE RACE CROSS-COUNTRY RUN TO-DAY

Georgetown Manager After Yale and Princeton Relay Teams.

Tigers Have Practically Decided and Prospects Seem Bright for Meeting Here—Has Fast Bunch.

The splendid showing made by Princeton in the Federal games Saturday lends additional interest to the Georgetown games to be held March 6, for the New Jersey university will come to Washington in connection with the inauguration week with a strong squad, intent upon repeating last year's performance, when they captured the intercollegiate point trophy from the large field of contestants by a neat margin. The two-mile relay team will also make its appearance at the Georgetown meet, and it is expected the Tigers will have as one of their opponents in this race, the two-mile four from Yale University.

The showing made by the Princeton relay team in the race against the All Washington collegiate four in the Federal meet indicates the exceptional speed possessed by the Orange and Black. Yale, on the other hand, boasts of the fastest two-mile relay team in the East, and if the Georgetown management succeeds in closing with the two managers, the race will undoubtedly prove the biggest of its kind ever pulled off in the South. Manager Meese, of the Princeton team, agreed yesterday to run his team in a race against Yale at the Georgetown games and as Yale has already expressed a willingness to send a team to Washington, it is thought the match can be settled during the week.

Prominent on the Princeton team at the Georgetown meet will be McGee, the crack distance runner, who won the 100-meter race at the Federal games, in the most exciting race of the evening, beating the famous Philadelphia schoolboy, John Gallagher, by two feet at the finish. Gallagher claims he was not in the best of shape as a result of running and winning the scholastic distance race just forty minutes before his close race with McGee. Gallagher will come to the Georgetown games and run in the 100-meter race against McGee.

PLAY IN BALTIMORE.

Washington Whist Club Scheduled for Match To-night.

Baltimore, Feb. 21.—The Baltimore Whist Club is expecting to have a successful holiday game on Monday. The match committee received this morning the following entries for the match from the Washington Chess, Checkers, and Whist Club.

Cochran and Tarbox, Lavender and Davis, Lewis and Tullock, Leith and Hutchison, Polk and Jones, Tallaferra and Davis, and Turner and Parker.

In addition to these the West Point Whist Club has entered J. L. Tabb and J. P. Tabb. The Knickerbocker Whist Club, of New York, has entered Charles R. Watson and Tallaferra, Dr. Charles Cole and Tolcott.

MONEY IN SIGHT.

For Another Fight Between Attell and Driscoll.

New York, Feb. 21.—Abe Attell can find plenty of backing for another match with Jim Driscoll. John Considine says he will bet \$5,000 that Attell can defeat the English champion in twenty rounds. His bet of \$10,000 on the same proposition. Al Lippe, Attell's manager, with some of the Considine's bank rolls behind, declares that Driscoll can have a \$15,000 on the side in the event of another mill.

Driscoll will return here in about two months, and it is believed that he will have ample backing for a match.

LOS ANGELES.

FIRST RACE—Seven furlongs.

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SPORTING SIDELIGHTS

By BILL BAILEY.

The Marathon craze is growing in Pittsburgh. They even had a run on a bank.

Jake Stahl has in turn expressed his pleasure over being relieved of the managerial reins of the Washington club and the captaincy of the Boston team. If Jake is canned from the fast set altogether his joy will doubtless know no bounds.

Carlisle has been dropped from Harvard's football schedule. It doesn't always pay to have a winning team.

Jimmy Mulligan will be the starter at the Richmond College games in Richmond next Saturday. Jimmy has ordered a left-handed gun.

Doubtless Jack Johnson will attend to that little matter of the old folks mortgage during his visit in this country.

Now that President John I. Taylor, of the Boston Americans, has traded old Cy Young for two ordinary players, Manager Joe Cantillon will try and exchange Ground Keeper "Reddy" O'Day for Hans Wagner.

The Herald barber's trade must be picking up. We met two men with court plaster on their faces near the Shoreham Saturday night.

Barnum says one was born every minute. On the day John I. Taylor first saw the light the output was unusually large.

If Georgetown undergraduates want a chance to show their loyalty to the college, let them show up in goodly numbers and see the Hilltoppers take a few falls out of Fordham's basketball team.

Bill Foley was in Alexandria Saturday night. There's a reason.

Jimmy Collins must have had his fingers crossed when he said he hoped the fans of Boston would boycott their American League baseball team.

Of course, it's tough to have the Baltimore City College athletes swoop down on us and win the cup trophy, but the fact remains that they pulled off the trick, and our motto is: "Give credit where credit is due."

According to reports, there was no famine in bubble water during the baseball meetings in Chicago. This may account for some hysterical interviews.

Here's the news item that almost staggered our fourth assistant janitor: "Darbytown Distillery burned to ground near Richmond to-day; 500 gallons of whiskey destroyed."

"Like Isaminger, in Spotlight, says: 'One big ear light is distinguished on the Great White Way in New York. We'd Conroy will hereafter shine on Pennsylvania avenue in Washington.' Wonder what he means?"

Set the manager of the Savannah team down a sign of relief when he received Ray Brennan's signed contract.

Len Stanley's Canadian dialect ought to take well with the Baltimore baseball fans. They stand for anything over there.

LANGFORD WILL MEET M'VEY

Dusky Fighter Arrives in Boston from Coast.

Bout to Take Place in Paris Next June—Jimmy Walsh Also Going Abroad.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Boston, Feb. 21.—Sam Langford, the colored heavy-weight, who is matched to meet Jack Johnson before the National Sporting Club, of London, in May, arrived home to-night from California in company with his manager, J. A. Woodman; Jimmy Walsh, the bantam champion, and the latter's manager, Eddie Keever.

Manager Woodman, in behalf of Langford, announced to-night that he had matched his man to meet Sam McVey before a Paris bout in June, and that a bout with Joe Jeannette, in Paris, was also pending.

The party of four will sail from Boston the latter part of next month for England, where they will have an engagement to meet Digger Stanley there for the bantam-weight championship at 115 pounds, under the revised English weight standard.

Both men have under consideration offers to appear in New York and Philadelphia in the few weeks remaining before they go abroad.

ADOPT NOVEL PLAN.

Y. M. C. A. Youngsters Sell Sandwiches to Bank Running Track.

The boys of the Y. M. C. A. have a plan on foot to sell sandwiches to the inauguration crowd to raise a thousand dollars, five hundred to go to the boys' work and all over that amount toward banking a running track.

The boys of the Washington Y. M. C. A. have been very successful in the past in raising money through organized work, and as the good women of Washington are to give the sandwiches, they ought to repeat their former successes.

KETCHELL VS. LANGFORD.

New York Wants the Bout, and May Get It.

New York, Feb. 21.—It was rumored to-day that after Stanley Ketchell has boxed with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, in Philadelphia next month, the National Athletic Club will try to match him for ten rounds with either Sam Langford or Jack (Twin) Sullivan. Langford will be here shortly prior to sailing for England, where he will meet Johnson in May, and Ketchell is willing there will be no trouble in arranging a bout.

GOSSIP OF THE BOXERS.

Tex Rickard, who promoted the Gans-Nelson fight at Goldfield, is reported to be broke.

Young Kloby, of Lawrence, is sore over the decision earned by Eddie Murphy, and is after a return match.

Indian Joe Gregg was beaten in twenty rounds by Clarence English at San Bernardino, Cal., the other night.

Jack (Twin) Sullivan is training quietly at Cambridge in anticipation of a match with Hugo Kelly, at New York.

Jim Stewart, the big New Yorker, is already a challenger of the winner of the Kuba-to-White bout, at the Army A. A., Tuesday night.

BALTIMORE WINS CUP

Penny Alumni Trophy for City College Athletes.

AFTERMATH OF THE GAMES

Careless Reports of Point Winners Cause Much Adverse Criticism. Senator Gamble First to Congratulate His Son at Close of 50-Meter Race—Tech Forging to the Front.

By WILLIAM PEET.

"I wish to say that The Washington Herald this morning printed the only correct list of point winners for the alumni cup trophy," said Official Scorer James O'Shea last night. "While the list as printed was unofficial, it compared exactly with my score sheets."

Baltimore City College looks the winner, with Tome Institute second. One morning paper placed the Baltimoreans fourth, giving them but ten points, when sixteen were scored. While probably due to carelessness, such a mistake has caused no end of comment, and, to say the least, is manifestly unfair to the Monumental City athletes.

Other Washington papers completely ignored the fact that Jack Sterrett broke all existing Southern collegiate and South Atlantic records in the pole vault, while three new marks were registered in events foreign to programmes of this district.

Places Are All Credited.

While Official Scorer O'Shea at the close of the meet stated that an added starter who forgot to give his name or number to the officials had won third place in one of the dash events, nevertheless all of the third-place points in the meet are accounted for in The Washington Herald's summary, and it is the opinion of the writer, and also of Manager Stewart, that Mr. O'Shea is mistaken, hence the Pennsylvania Alumni cup will be turned over at once to Baltimore City College.

An afternoon paper just takes a shot at several of the youthful officials who refused to keep out of the foreground and made themselves as conspicuous as possible crowding at the finishes of the majority of races. When the time comes for selecting officials for the Federal games next year there will be a few changes from last Saturday night's list. A little incident, probably noticed by only a few, was the scene at the finish of the 50-meter scratch invitation, won by Ralph Gamble, of Princeton, son of Senator Gamble, of South Dakota. The gray